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Letter from an Israeli Supporter to Geraldine Ferraro

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DEAR MS FERRARO !

21.8.84.

Somebody ought to ask the president if he thinks a little holocaust - say Johnstown or Zabra-Shatila should be joked about. If not, why does he think it funny when he jokes about, say, half a ~~xx~~ billion dead ("I'm about to bomb the soviets in five minutes") Even if there are arguments for an actual preventive war, it is certainly no decent theme for joking ! (Or does he think the chance of war SO unreal its funny ? Well I dont.)

If I was Vice President of the US, I'd declare myself chairman of the Board (Senate !) and in charge of those long range problems for ~~which~~ which the president never has time. And I would assemble a collection of wise men around myself for the purpose. Most would be financially independent anyhow, and in any case it should be easy to finance such an assembly, from either donations or appropriations. Nor need the members be full time - when you really need the best, some will be other~~wise~~ wise busy.

If there was variable pay ~~IV~~ ^{à radio} with some percentage reserved for performers, politicians could get honestly rich. Beginners would start on late night radio, and if they attracted listeners, would advance to better positions. They might take pennies from a few hundred. A presidential candidate would take dollars from tens of millions at each performance.

Unemployment is unnecessary and intolerable: Lower the standards of life for most by compulsory loans added to income tax. Invest the proceeds in the crumbling superstructure, research and development, vocational education for all who will take it, ~~REHABILITATION~~ (not assistance), and energy saving investement and developement. Its better to be a Rockefeller with 100 million dollars debt... and 300 property than poor and debtfree. Posterity will be better off with debts and assets than without both !

Much more to say if you show any interest.

RESPECTFULLY

ISRAEL

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